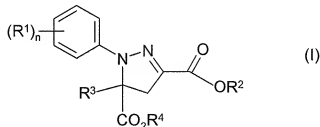


AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

In the Claims: Claims 1-7 (cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) A method for increasing the weed control of one or more aryloxyphenoxypionate herbicide herbicides (A) or an agriculturally acceptable salt thereof, which comprises applying, simultaneously with or separate from the application of herbicide(s) the herbicides (A), a synergistic herbicidally effective amount of one or more compounds of formula (I) or a salt thereof (compounds (B)):



in which

(R¹)_n is n radicals R¹ where the R¹ are identical or different and are each halogen or (C₁-C₄)-haloalkyl,

n is an integer from 1 to 3,

R² is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, tri-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl-silyl or tri-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl-silylmethyl,

R³ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-haloalkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl or (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, and

R⁴ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₁₂)-alkyl,

to the plants, parts of the plants, seeds of the plants, or the area where the plants are grown or are to be grown

wherein the one or more herbicide (A) are selected from the group consisting of clodinafop-propargyl, diclofop, diclofop-methyl, fenoxaprop-P-ethyl, fenoxaprop-P, fenoxaprop-ethyl, fenoxaprop and agriculturally acceptable salts of afore-mentioned acidic compounds.

Claims 9 and 10 (cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein $(R^1)_n$ is n radicals R^1 where the R^1 are identical or different and are each F, Cl, Br or CF_3 , n is 2 or 3, R^2 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, R^3 is hydrogen, (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, (C_2-C_4) -alkenyl or (C_2-C_4) -alkynyl, and R^4 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_8) -alkyl.

12. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein compound (B) is mefenpyr-diethyl having the chemical name:
ethyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-5-(ethoxycarbonyl)-5-methyl-2-pyrazoline-3-carboxylate.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein one or more compounds herbicide (A) are selected from the group consisting of:
clodinafop-propargyl, ~~eyhalofop-butyl—dielofop~~, diclofop-methyl, fenoxaprop-P-ethyl, ~~fenoxaprop-P-ethyl~~, ~~fenoxaprop-P~~, ~~fenoxaprop-ethyl~~, ~~fenoxaprop~~, ~~fluazifop~~, ~~fluazifop-butyl~~, ~~fluazifop-P-butyl~~, ~~haloxyfop~~, ~~haloxyfop-etotyl~~, ~~haloxyfop-P-methyl~~, ~~propanil~~, ~~propanil~~, ~~quizalofop~~, ~~quizalofop-ethyl~~, ~~quizalofop-P~~, ~~quizalofop-P-ethyl~~, and ~~quizalofop-P-terfuryl~~, and agriculturally acceptable salts of afore-mentioned acidic compounds.

15. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein compound herbicide (A) is fenoxaprop-P-ethyl.

16. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein compound herbicide (A) is clodinafop-propargyl ~~fenoxaprop-P-ethyl~~.

17. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein ~~compound~~ herbicide (A) is diclofop-methyl ~~selected from the group consisting of clodinafop-propargyl, cyhalofop-butyl, diclofop-methyl, fenoxaprop-P-ethyl, fluazifop-butyl, fluazifop-P-butyl, haloxyfop-etotyl, haloxyfop-P-methyl, propaquizafop, quizalofop-ethyl, quizalofop-P-ethyl and quizalofop-P-tefuryl.~~

18. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein ~~compound~~ herbicide (A) is clodinafop-propargyl and compound (B) is mefenpyr-diethyl.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein ~~compound~~ herbicide (A) is diclofop-methyl and compound (B) is mefenpyr-diethyl.

21. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein ~~compound~~ herbicide (A) is fenoxaprop-P-ethyl and compound (B) is mefenpyr-diethyl.

22-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein compound (A) is a combination of fenoxaprop-P-ethyl and diclofop-methyl and compound (B) is mefenpyr-diethyl.

31. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the weight ratio of the active compounds (A) and (B) is of from 1:10 to 100:1.

32. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the weight ratio of the active compounds (A) and (B) is of from 1:2 to 20:1.

33. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the weeds are controlled in crops of useful plants.

34. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the weight ratio of the active compounds (A) and (B) is of from 1:10 to 100:1.

35. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the weight ratio of the active compounds (A) and (B) is of from 1:2 to 20:1.

36. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the weeds are controlled in crops of useful plants.